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Workshop

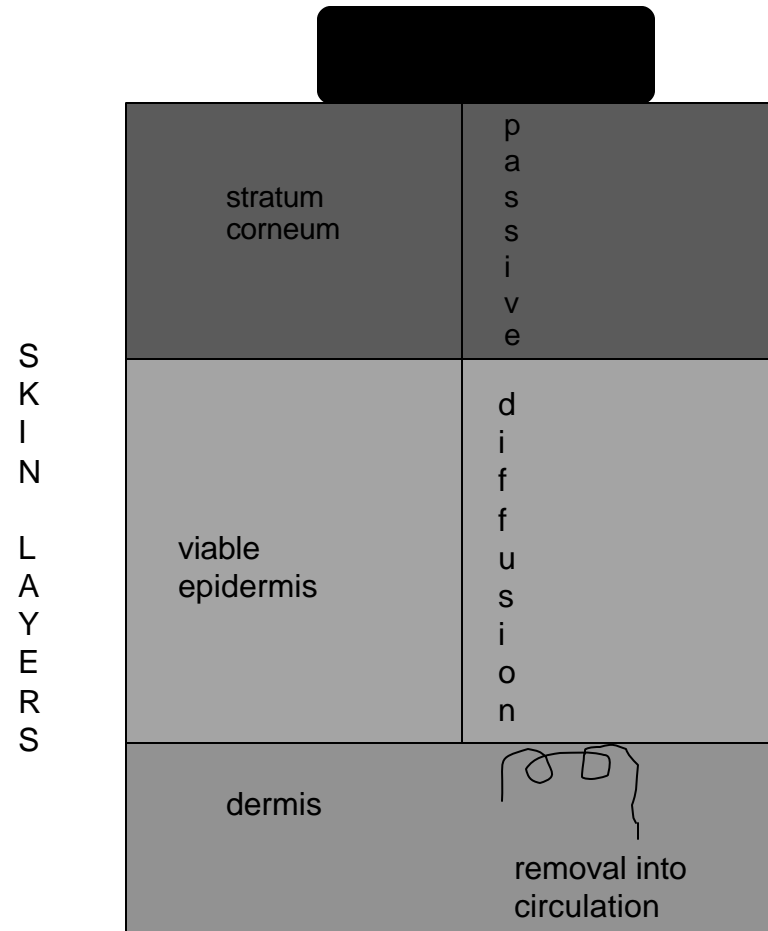
**Assessing the Dermal  
Bioavailability of PAH from PAH-  
Contaminated Soils Using In Vitro  
Percutaneous Absorption  
Techniques**

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# DISCUSSION OUTLINE

- ***In Vitro* Percutaneous Absorption – Method Development & Validation**
- **Application of the Method to Contaminated Soils - defining the variables**
- **Review of Lampblack Study**
- **Summary/Challenges**

## Skin Schematic



$$\text{Dermal Flux} = J = Dk_p C/h$$

Where:

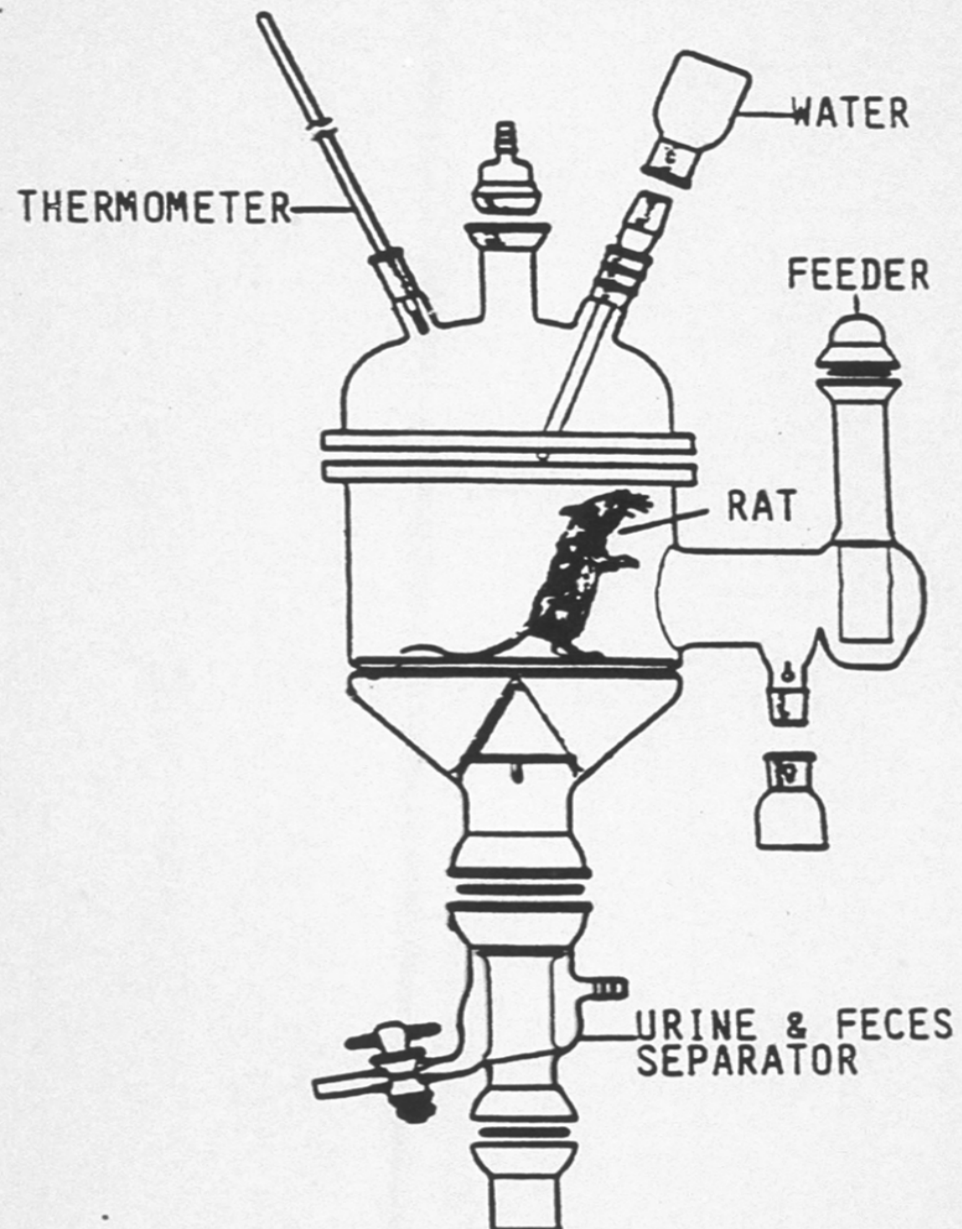
D = effective diffusion coefficient of chemical in SC

$K_p$  = partition coefficient of chemical in vehicle

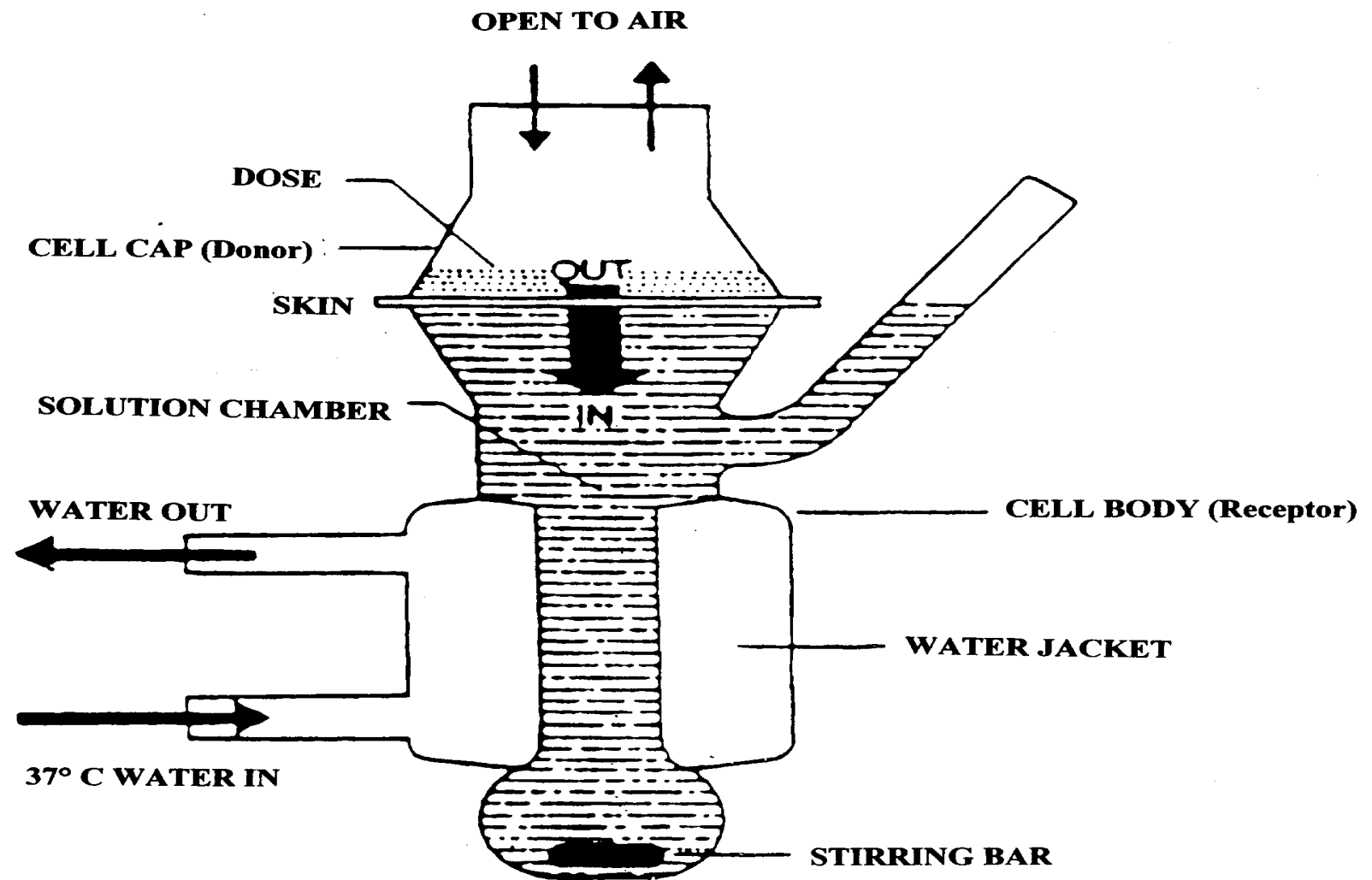
C = concentration of chemical in vehicle

h = effective diffusion path length through the skin barrier

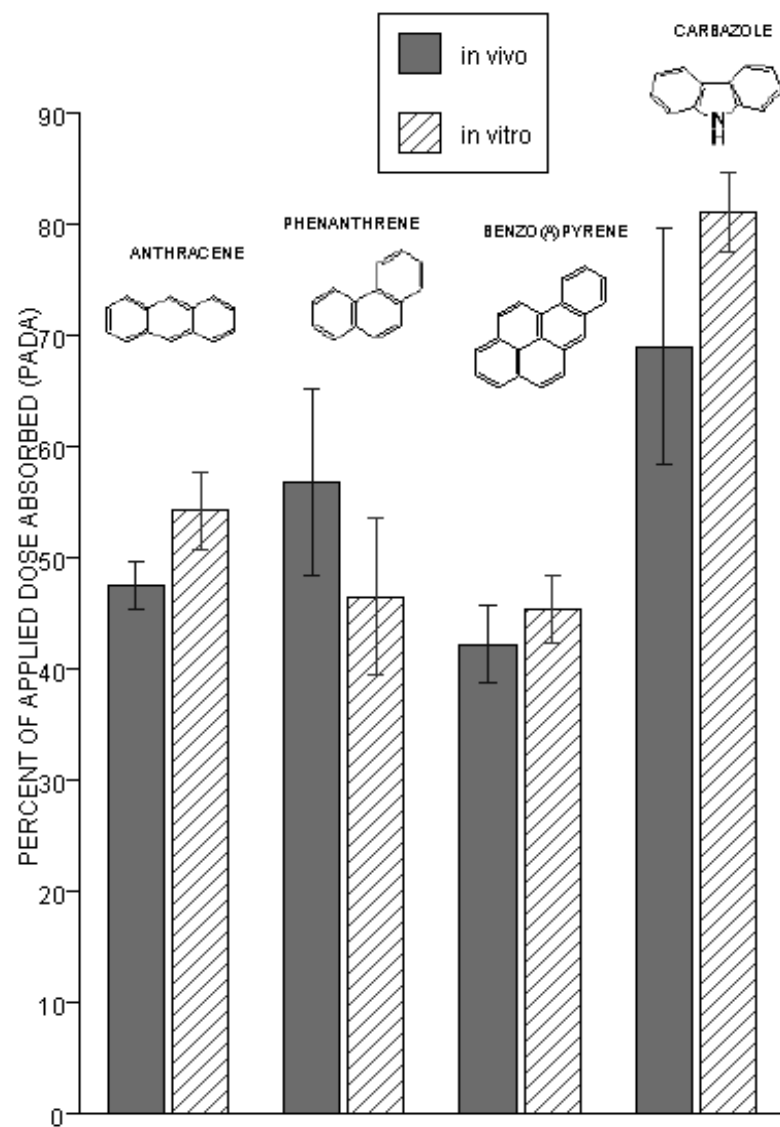
IN VIVO METABOLISM CHAMBER.



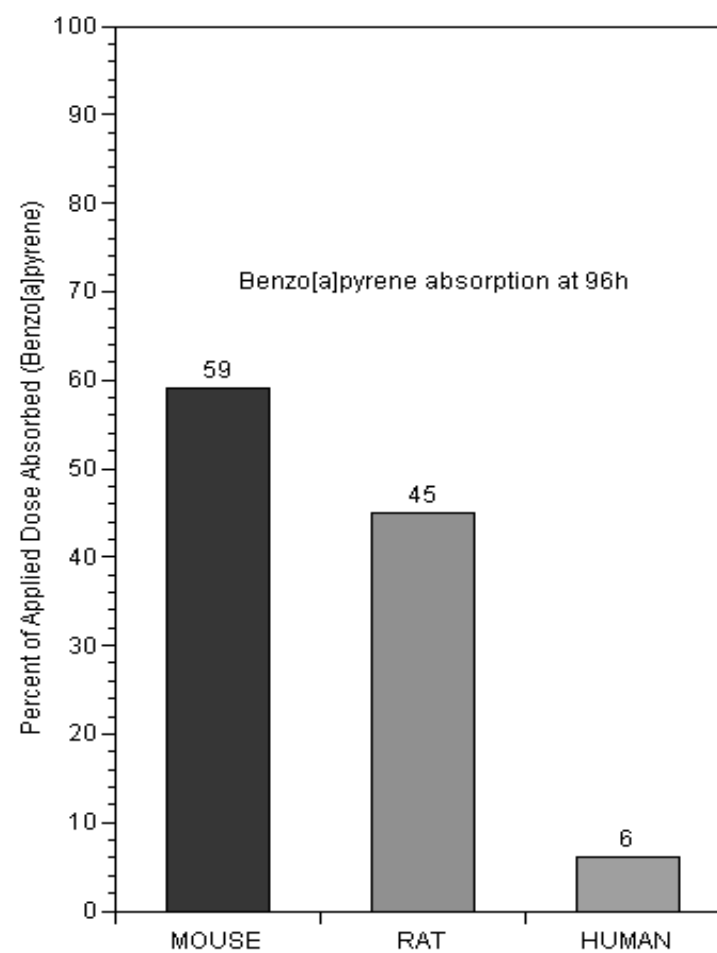




### IN VIVO AND IN VITRO CORRELATION



IN VITRO PERCUTANEOUS ABSORPTION:  
RODENT VS HUMAN





## Summary of Percutaneous Absorption Guidelines

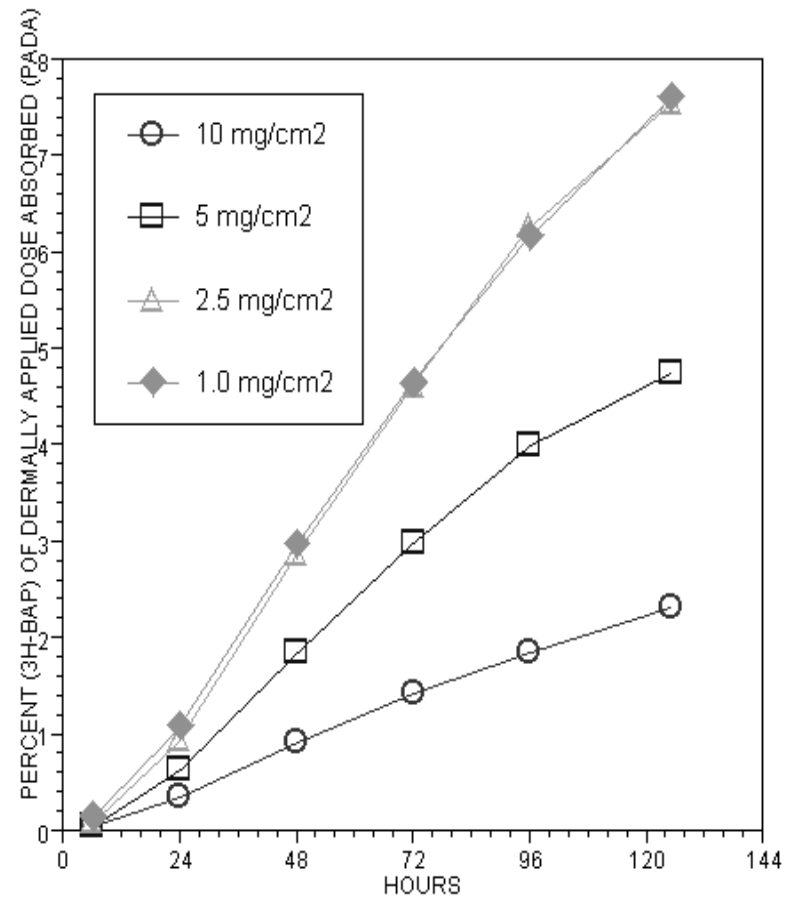
Protocol	Skin Type	Skin Preparation	Diffusion Cell	Receptor Fluid	Estimation of Absorption
Bronaugh & Collier (1991)	Viable or nonviable human or animal	Dermatome 200-350 $\mu\text{m}$ ; epidermis	Flow cell or static cell	Viable skin: physiological buffer, bovine serum albumin added for lipophilic compounds	Sum of receptor fluid and skin contents
EPA (1999)	Nonviable human	Dermatome 200-500 $\mu\text{m}$	Flow cell or static cell	Add 6% PEG 20 oleyl ether to increase solubility of lipophilic compounds	Determine permeability constant ( $K_p$ )
ECETOC <sup>1</sup> (2002)	Nonviable human or animal	Full or split thickness	Flow cell or static cell	Isotonic saline buffered to pH 7.4; surfactants and organic solvents added for lipophilic compounds	Determine $K_p$ but skin levels also measured
ECVAM <sup>2</sup> (1996)	Nonviable human or animal	Full or split thickness	Flow cell or static cell	Saline, aqueous PEG or ethanol for lipophilic compounds	Usually measure just the receptor fluid
OECD <sup>3</sup> (2000)	Nonviable human or animal	Full or split thickness	Flow cell or static cell	Saline with solubilizers allowed for lipophilic compounds	Receptor fluid, but skin levels can be important

<sup>1</sup>ECETOC = European Centre for Ecotoxicology and Toxicology of Chemicals (Monograph)

<sup>2</sup>ECVAM = European Centre for the Validation of Alternative Methods (Report and Recommendations)

<sup>3</sup> OECD = Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development

Impact of soil loading on percent of applied dose (PADA)



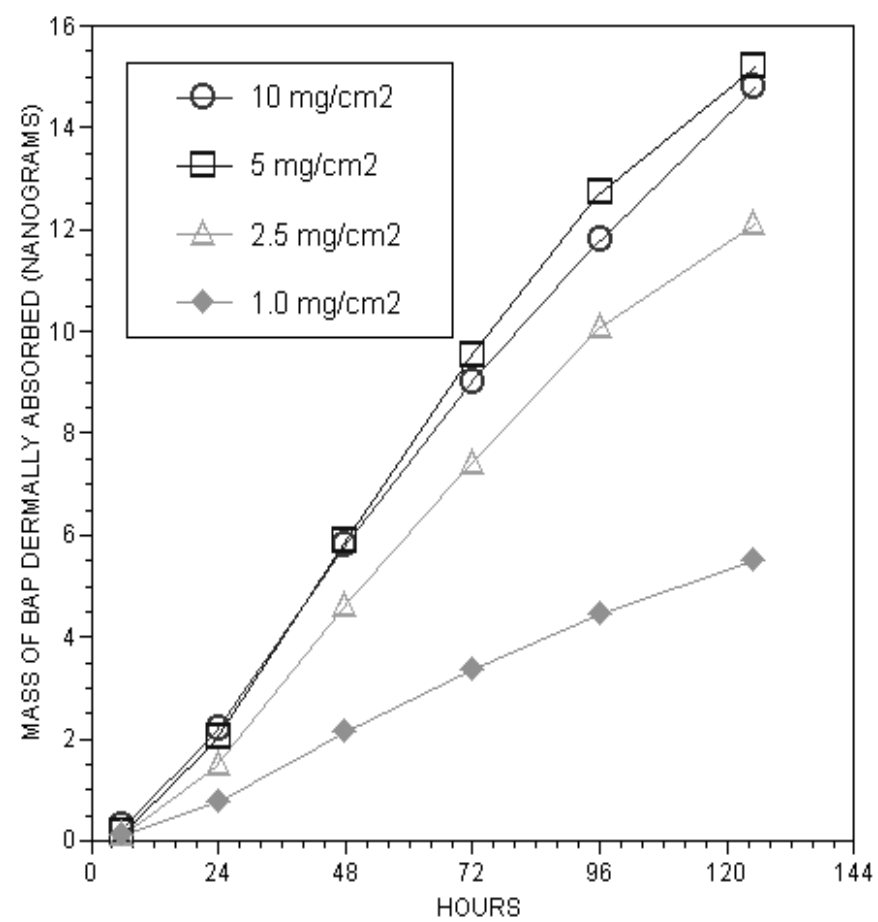
# OBSERVATIONS:

BOTH THE 10 AND 5 MG/CM<sup>2</sup> COVERAGE CAN BE CONSIDERED “INFINITE DOSE” SITUATIONS - HALVING THE DOSE (10->5) DOUBLES THE PADA (2->4) WHICH ALSO SUGGESTS THAT ALL THE MATERIAL PARTIONING FROM SOIL TO SKIN IS CONTAINED IN THE MONOLAYER THE DATA CLEARLY SHOW THAT PADA HAS TO BE ADJUSTED TO SOIL COVERAGE.

# OBSERVATIONS:

BOTH THE 2.5 AND 1.0 MG/CM<sup>2</sup> ARE LESS THAN MONOLAYER COVERAGE. THE DATA SUPPORT THE PREDICTION THAT PADA REMAINS CONSTANT AT SUB-MONOLAYER SOIL COVERAGE SINCE THE TOTAL MASS OF MATERIAL PRESENT DECREASES PROPORTIONATELY WITH DECREASING SOIL LOADING

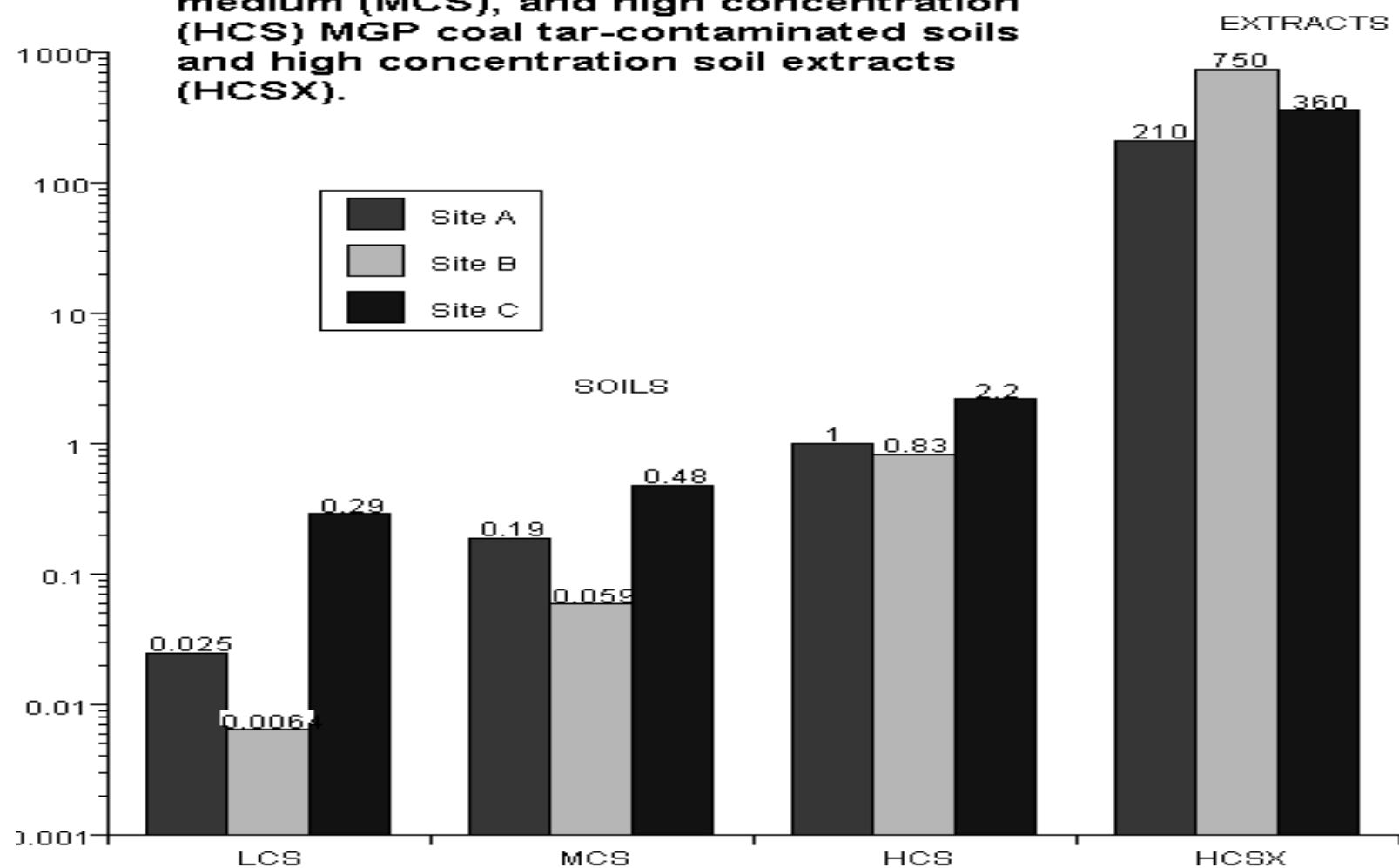
## Impact of soil loading on dermal flux



# OBSERVATIONS

- FLUX IS NOT AFFECTED BY SOIL LOADING ABOVE MONOLAYER (5 & 10 MG/CM<sup>2</sup>)
- FLUX DECREASES IN PROPORTION TO SOIL LOADING BELOW MONOLAYER (1 & 2.5 MG/ CM<sup>2</sup>)

**Comparison of target PAH (log) dermal flux rates (human skin) from low (LCS), medium (MCS), and high concentration (HCS) MGP coal tar-contaminated soils and high concentration soil extracts (HCSX).**



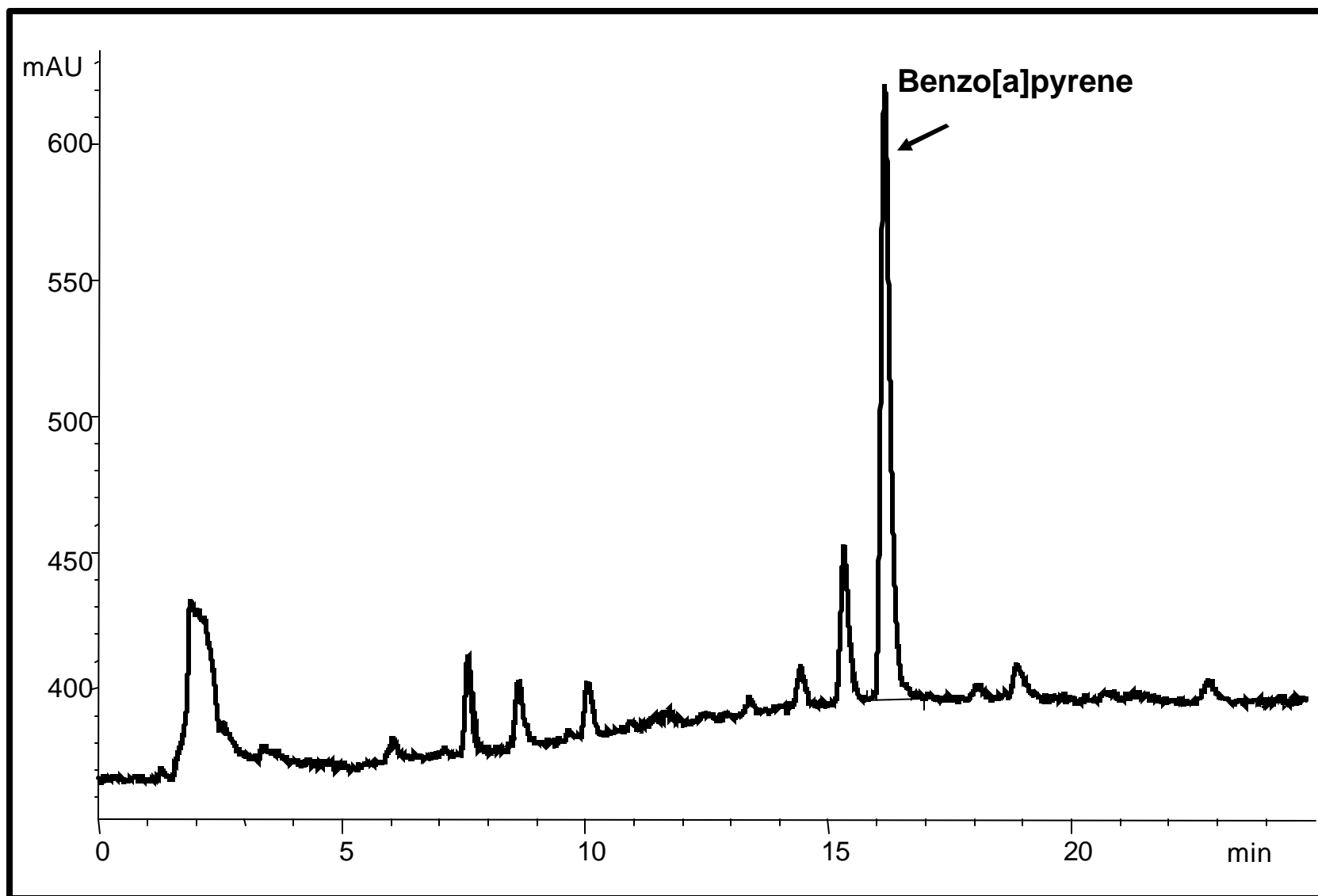
# OBSERVATIONS:

- SORPTION ON SOIL RETARDS THE DERMAL PENETRATION OF PAH BY A FACTOR OF 160-900
- SKIN PENETRATION RATE REDUCTIONS OF 10-30 CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO SOIL BINDING EFFECTS ALONE

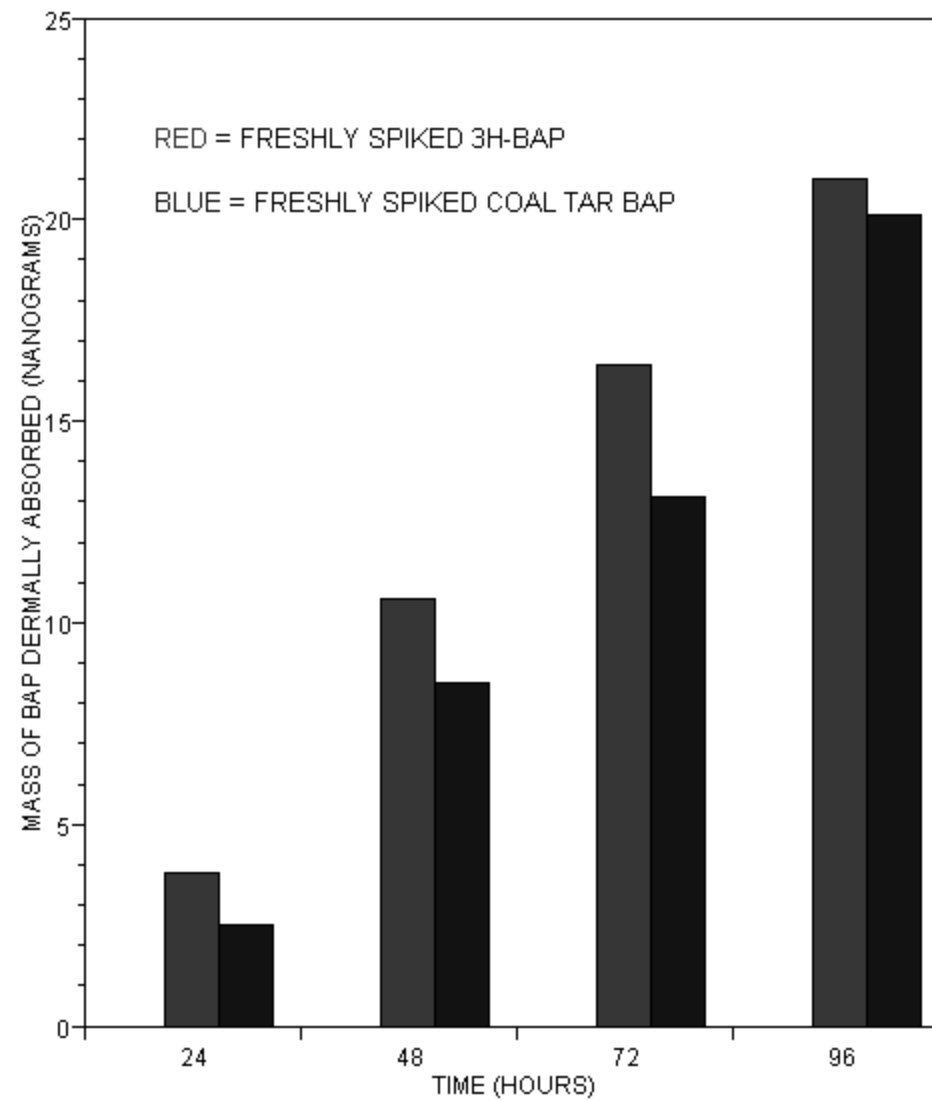


# Chromatogram

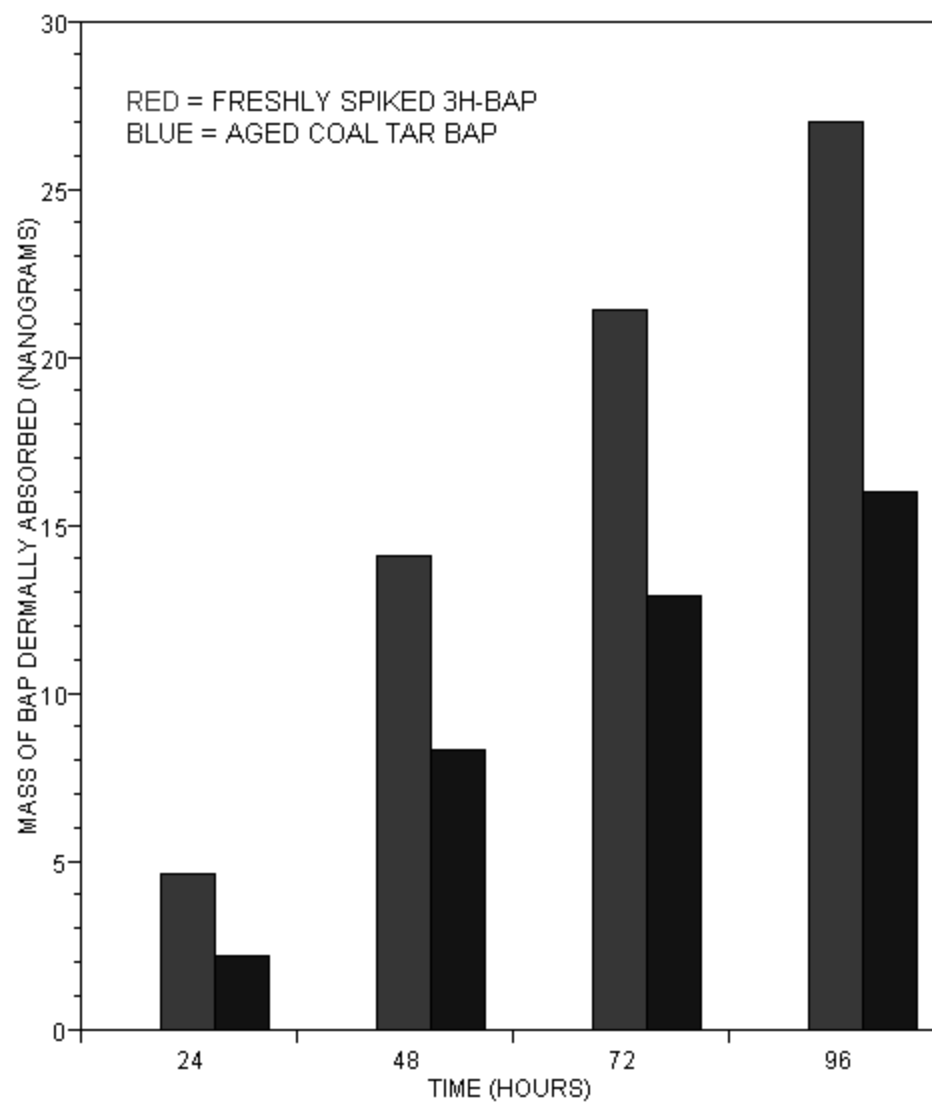
## BaP in receptor fluid (VOLPO-20)



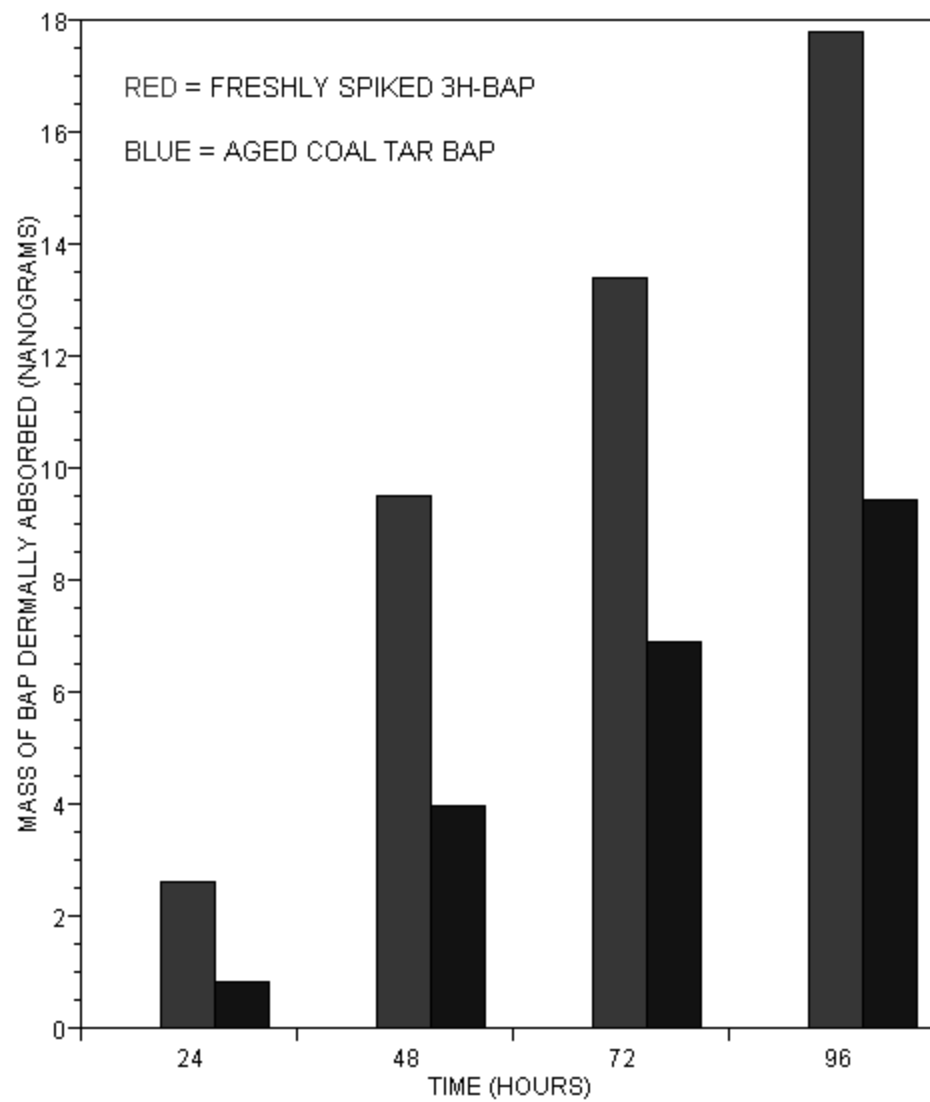
## COAL TAR-CONTAMINATED SOIL AGING EXPERIMENT - DAY 1



## COAL TAR-CONTAMINATED SOIL AGING EXPERIMENT - DAY 45



## COAL TAR-CONTAMINATED SOIL AGING EXPERIMENT - DAY 110

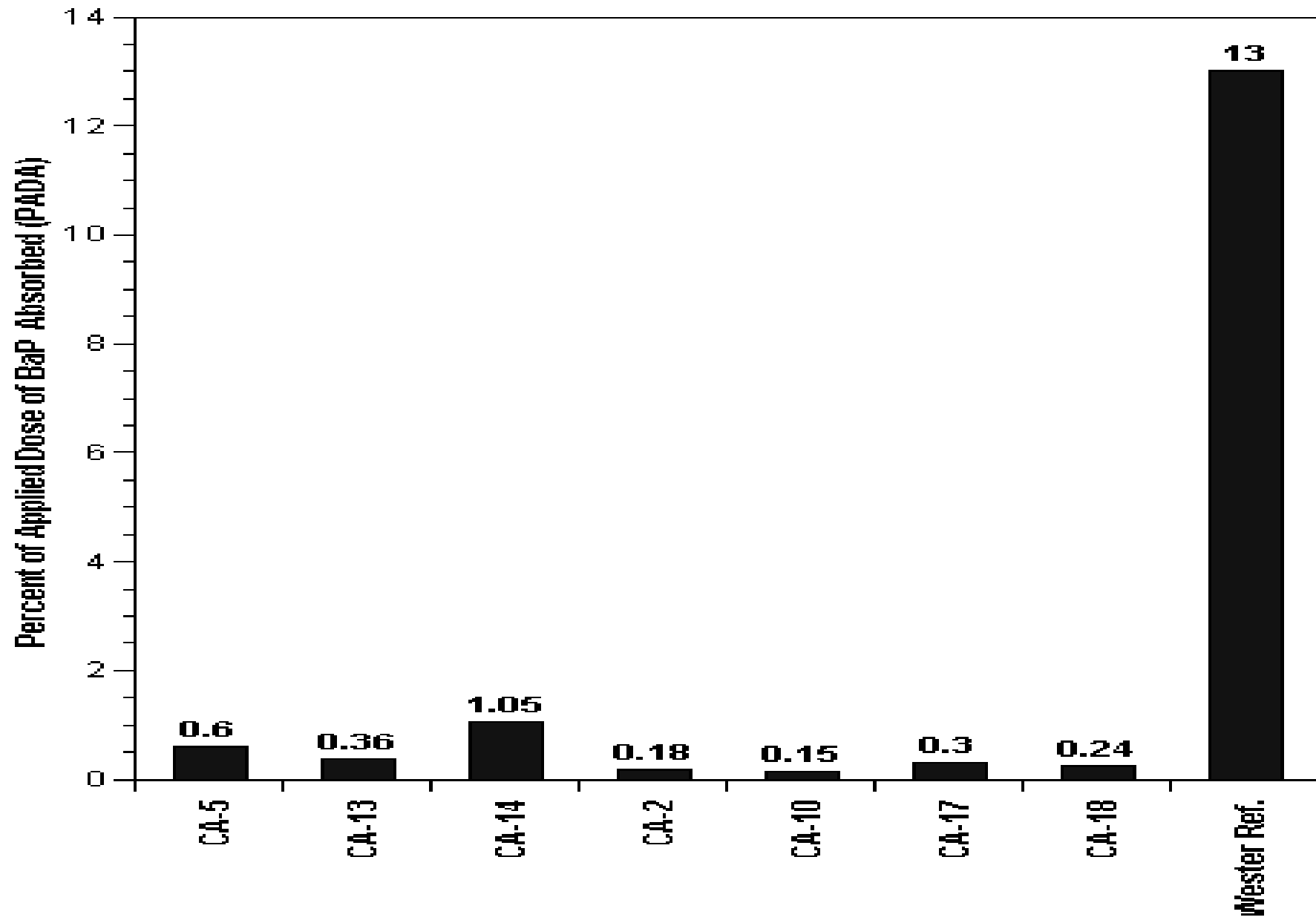


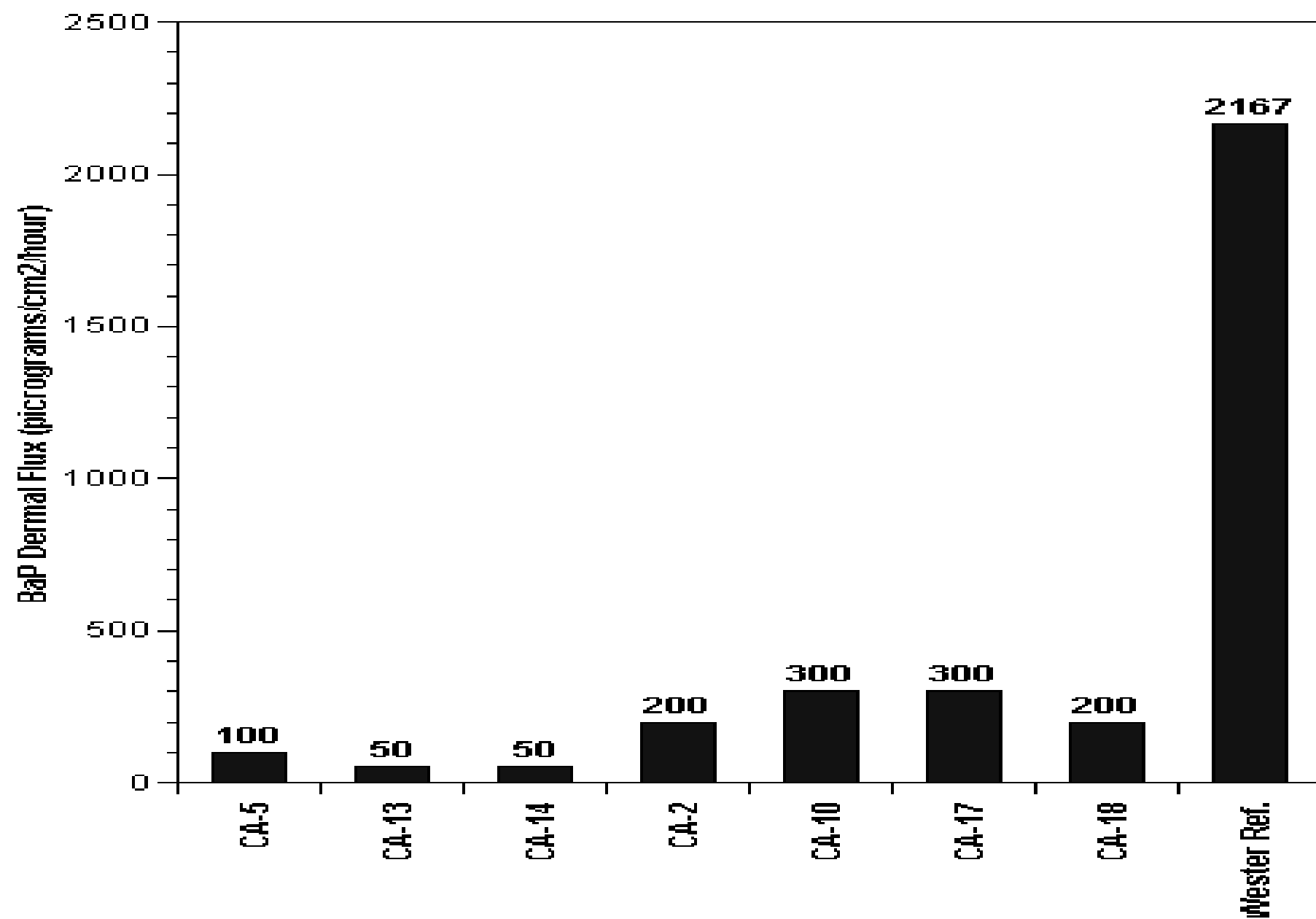
# OBSERVATIONS:

- LAST ON, FIRST OFF - THE “KINETICALLY” SORBED  $^3\text{H}$ -BAP ACCURATELY REFLECTS THE FLUX OF “ENDOGENOUS” BAP IN THE COAL TAR-CONTAMINATED SOIL ON DAY 1
- AS A RESULT OF AGING, THE ‘ENDOGENOUS’ BAP BECOMES MORE SEQUESTERED AND LESS DERMALLY BIOAVAILABLE (‘SLOW-RELEASE’). BY DAY 110, THE BIOAVAILABILITY OF THE ENDOGENOUS BAP IS ONLY HALF OF THAT FOR THE FRESHLY SPIKED  $^3\text{H}$ -BAP

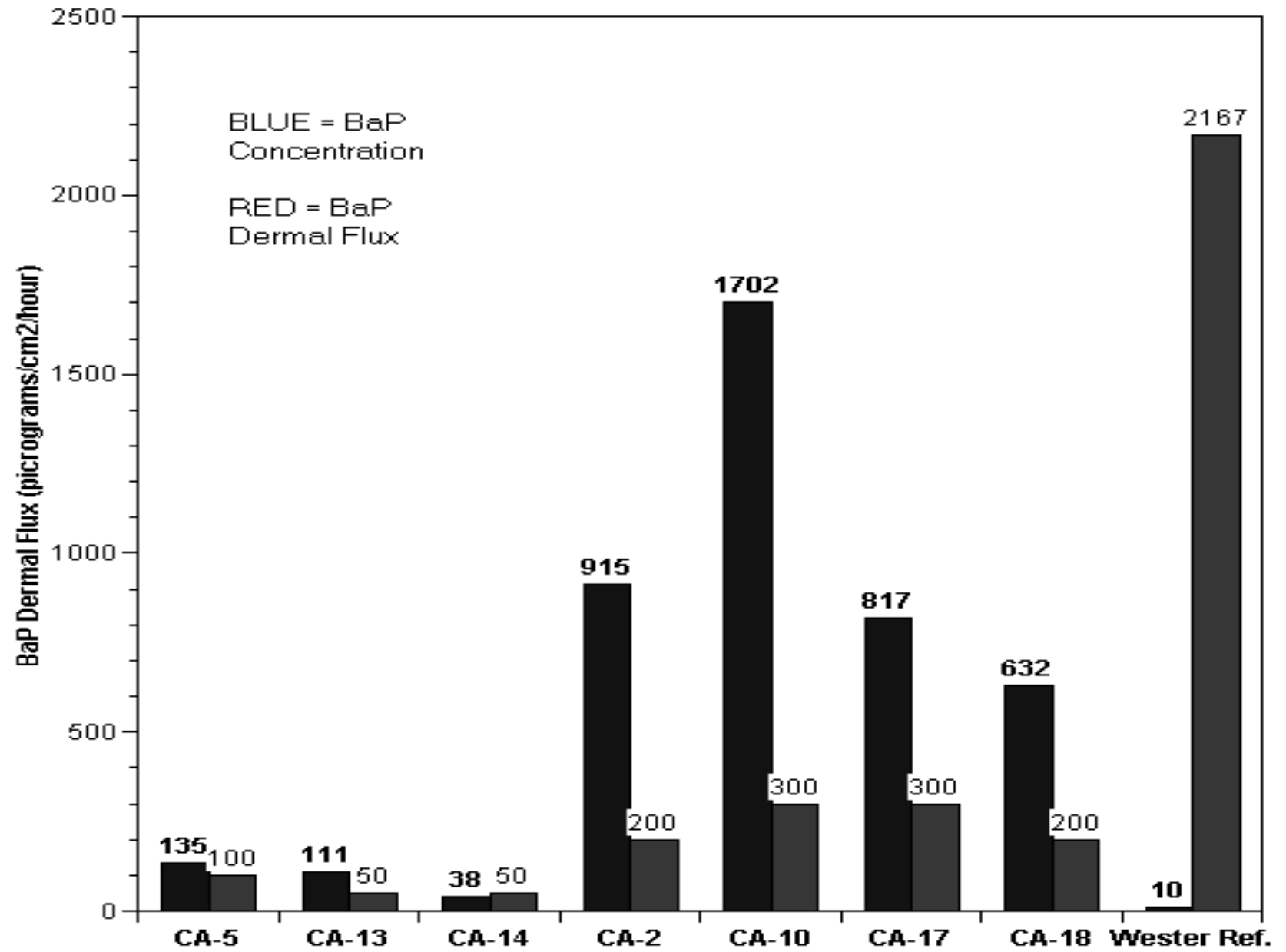
# CONCLUSIONS:

- PADA AND DERMAL FLUX (J) VALUES EXPERIMENTALLY DETERMINED AT “INFINITE DOSE” IN *IN VITRO* STUDIES CAN BE USED TO PROVIDE ACCURATE ESTIMATES OF PADA AND FLUX AT ANY SOIL LOADING, BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW MONOLAYER COVERAGE
- THE HPLC/FLUORESCENCE TECHNIQUE PROVIDES A DIRECT AND “NON-DISRUPTIVE” METHOD FOR MEASURING THE DERMAL BIOAVAILABILITY OF PAH-CONTAMINATED SOILS AND TO MEASURE THE IMPACT OF SOIL AGING ON PAH DERMAL BIOAVAILABILITY









Sample ID	Real and normalized [BaP]		B(a)P Flux (pg/cm <sup>2</sup> /hr)	Flux normalized	Carbon Content (Wt%) <sup>1</sup>
CA-2	915	0.54	200	370	59
CA-5	135	0.079	100	1270	6.9
CA-10	1702	1	300	300	87
CA-13	111	0.065	50	770	6.5
CA-14	38	0.022	50	2270	2.9
CA-17	817	0.48	300	625	47
CA-18	632	0.37	200	540	25

□ The r-value for soil BaP concentration vs BaP flux is 0.86

□ The r-value for normalized flux vs carbon content is 0.71 (>90% significance at n=7)

# **OBSERVATIONS:**

- Sorption on soil (lampblack) significantly decreases dermal bioavailability of PAH.
- The magnitude of PAH sequestering by “soils” is highly variable, dependent largely on SOC, but also, PAH concentration and aging – i.e., one size does not fit all!

# **CONCLUSION:**

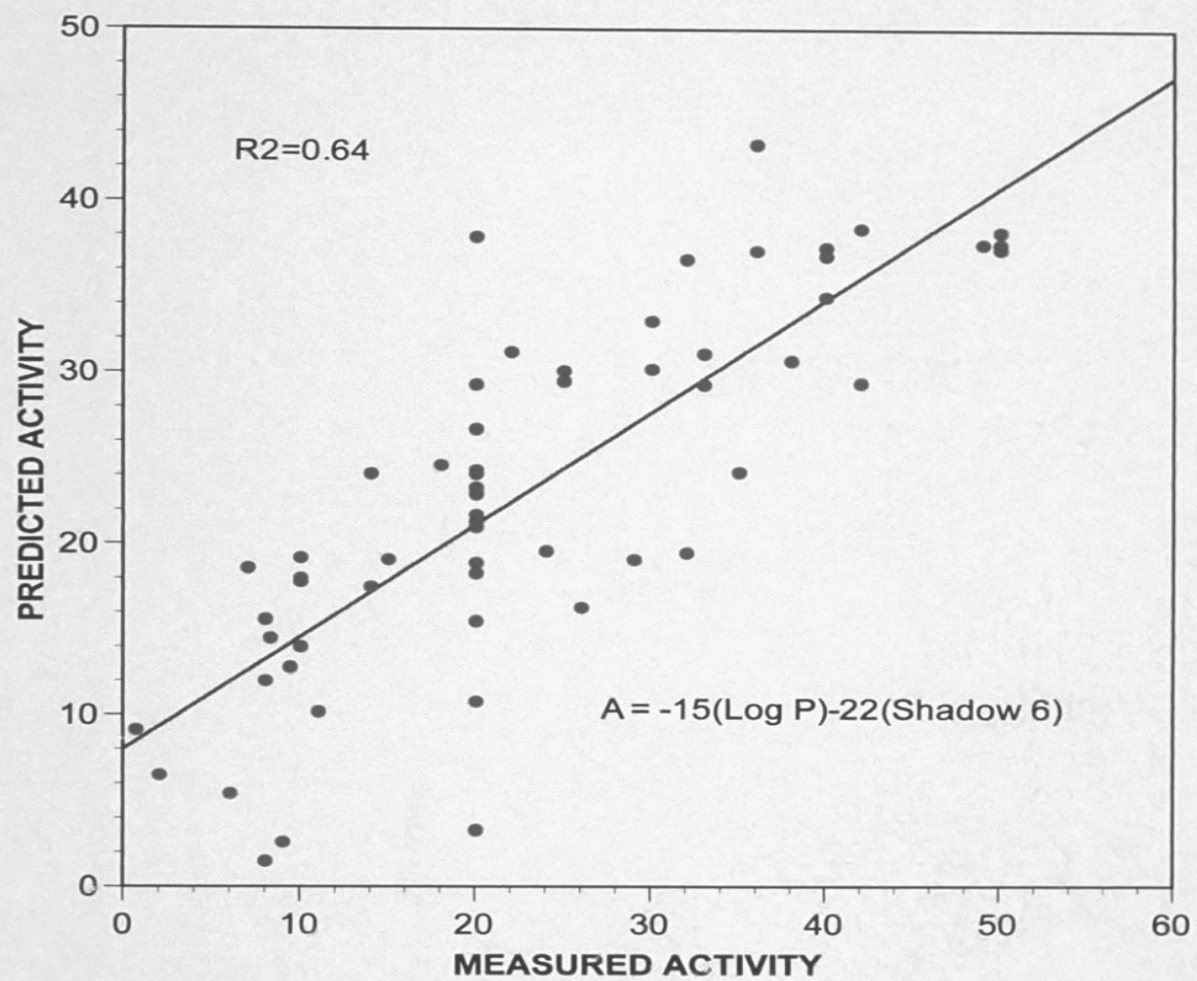
- In vitro dermal bioavailability studies based on internationally accepted experimental guidelines can provide site-specific data for realistic exposure and risk assessment.

# CHALLENGES

(to researchers & regulators)

- Establish guidelines for conduct of *in vitro* dermal penetration studies with soils
- Accept the fact that soil is not water and is too complex a matrix to fit into a universally applicable model to approximate delivered dose (- site specific data matters!)

Plot of predicted versus measured activity for N=60 PAH



$$DAD = DA \times EF \times ED \times A / (BW \times AT)$$

where:

DAD = dermally absorbed dose (mg/kg/day)

DA = dose absorbed per exposure (mg/cm<sup>2</sup>/8-hr day)

EF = exposure frequency (350 days/year)

ED = exposure duration (30 years)

A = exposure surface area (2000 cm<sup>2</sup> - head & hands)

BW = body weight (70 kg)

AT = average time (25,550 days over 70 years)

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$$\text{Cancer Risk} = 1 - \exp(-DAD \times q^*)$$

$$\text{Hazard Index for Non-Cancer Effects} = DAD / RfD$$

where:

q\* = 95% upper-confidence limit of the linear-slope factor

RfD = Reference dose